

1 [Supporting the Inclusion of the Philippines and Filipinos in World War II History Curriculum at  
2 All California Schools]

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3 **Resolution supporting of inclusion of the Philippines and Filipinos in the World War II**  
4 **history curriculum at the San Francisco Unified School District, and in support of the**  
5 **effort to include the adoption of the curriculum in all 77 high school districts in**  
6 **California.**

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8 WHEREAS, This year is the 75th anniversary of the invasion of the Philippines during  
9 World War II; and

10 WHEREAS, In 2011, the California legislature passed Assembly Bill 199, which  
11 supported the inclusion of the role of Filipinos in World War II in California high school  
12 curriculum; and

13 WHEREAS, On July 14, 2016, the California State Board of Education approved a  
14 revised history framework that includes teaching World War II in the Philippines as part of the  
15 U.S. history curriculum in 11th grade; and

16 WHEREAS, As California is one of two major textbook consumers (Texas being the  
17 other) in the United States, publishers are compelled to revise their textbooks in accordance  
18 with revised curriculum framework, which means this change has national implications; and

19 WHEREAS, While the State Board of Education develops the statewide curriculum  
20 framework, local school districts develop the actual curriculum to be used in schools; and

21 WHEREAS, Developing new curriculum takes time and resources, which local school  
22 districts do not often have; and

23 WHEREAS, The Bataan Legacy Historical Society, which worked closely with the  
24 California Department of Education to expand the state curriculum framework, is now

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1 undertaking the development of a sample curriculum that all 77 high school districts in  
2 California can use to teach World War II in the Philippines; now, therefore, be it

3           RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors recognizes the importance of including  
4 World War II in the Philippines in the local school district curriculum both here in San  
5 Francisco and throughout California; and, be it

6           RESOLVED, That the Board Supervisors acknowledges the work of the Bataan Legacy  
7 Society in successfully achieving changes at the State Board of Education, and supports  
8 further efforts to develop a model curriculum that can be used by local school districts across  
9 California; and, be it

10           FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors supports the creation of a  
11 World War II in the Philippines curriculum to be included in all of California's local school  
12 districts.

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